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## MWC Community Discusses Latest Racial Incident

### College Plans "Rally Against Racism" for Wednesday

By Zelina Murray

Bullet Assistant Features Editor

On Halloween night, Faith Christmas did not expect to pick up the ringing pay phone to hear a man threaten her life because of her skin color. Christmas and the other two women who were threatened sat up until four o'clock that morning talking about the phone call and their fear and anger.

Now 3,000 people are talking about it.

Mary Washington administrators, faculty and students have met with each other to discuss this and another racially motivated event, both of which occurred within days of each other. They talked about what should and needs to be done about racism on the campus and how it directly affects those who are and are not involved.

Forrest Parker, assistant vice president and director of the Multicultural Center, said in a recent interview that a college community, because of its make-up, is an ideal situation for racism and hate to fester. He added that many students are living with someone racially different for the first time. Many students come from schools which are not integrated. The new independence of students away from home for the first time gives some students a chance to carry out their own agenda.

"The biggest crimes of racism and hate occurred on college campuses," he added.

Parker also said that students practicing inappropriate actions at MWC will be dealt with from a strong administrative perspective which will eliminate that element.

In a meeting with African-American students last Tuesday, Dean Philip Hall became a sounding board for a group of about 20 African-American students. In a memo that was sent to all African-American students, Hall billed it as a meeting to discuss "whatever was on their mind." Hall said that, about a month ago, he discussed the idea of meeting with different student

groups with Forrest Parker.

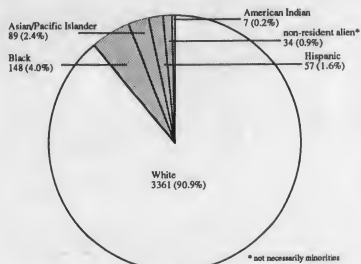
"Forrest and I discussed it and we both thought that it would be a good idea for me to meet and discuss various things from time to time with different student groups," Hall said.

The discussion with the students revolved around two racially motivated incidents that had recently taken place, understanding the actions of the administration because of the events, and the school's curriculum.

Many of the students felt that adequate attention had not been paid by the administration to the death threat incident. "Sometimes it seems as if the college is too worried about being embarrassed and saving face than promptly attending to the matter," Hall stated.

Senior Colette Webb pointed out the promptness the school has paid to other matters not as serious as a death threat.

"We have threatened lives and nothing has been done, but I remember a few years ago during Junior Ring Week when people were putting out really embarrassing



The breakdown of Mary Washington College's 3696 full-time and part-time students, according to Ray Merchant, executive vice president.

ing pictures and statements about and of their friends on Seacobeck tables when all of sudden things had to be approved before they were hung up or passed out on the tables," Webb said. "What is it going to take for us?"

Freshman Faith Christmas, said that she had never confronted any racism until coming to Mary Washington. "It's 1992 and I don't want to be conditioned to racism. This can't be tolerated. Something has to be done by the administration" she said.

Freshman Tiffany Hill said that racism will always be present. "There will always be racist incidents and racism can't be stopped and it's the support that is needed," Hill said.

The group also discussed the lack of support given to African-American students on campus. The support system is not found in the administration but in the African-American groups on campus such as Women of

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Photo Brendan Kelly

The agony of defeat: goalkeeper Amy Wilvert, after a 1-0 overtime loss shattered MWC's national championship hopes. See story page 8.

## Gordon Quits To End "Divisiveness"

By Kristen Green

Bullet Assistant News Editor

Fredericksburg City Councilwoman Betty Gordon resigned Tuesday, Nov. 10, over a week after a petition drive to have her removed ended unsuccessfully.

Gordon gave up her city council seat Tuesday night at the City Council meeting, effective immediately, according to Fredericksburg Mayor Lawrence Davies. Reading from a

five page handwritten letter to the mayor and her fellow city council members, Gordon said she hoped her resignation would help the council to get on with its work.

"Since I have been the focal point for this anger and divisiveness here I am resigning in order to the remove that focus," she said.

Davies said he thought that Gordon's resignation was a surprise to the whole council.

"I was shocked and stunned. I had

no prior indication that she'd be taking a step like that," Davies said.

"I'm not sure that anyone else [on council] knew that she was taking that step."

Gordon faced a trial to have her removed from office after a petition, spearheaded by college alumna Linda Blakemore, was submitted to the Fredericksburg circuit court. The petition was signed by 128 Ward 2

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## Confidentiality Conflict: Sexual Assault Policies Raise Questions at MWC

By Janet Marshall

Bullet News Editor

Christa Hooper is angry. Angry at a man she says sexually assaulted her last spring, and angry at Mary Washington College for failing, in her opinion, to take strong enough action against him.

Hooper, a sophomore, filed a formal sexual assault charge through the college's judicial system two weeks after the alleged assault took place last spring. Although Hooper said MWC's Student Conduct Hearing Board found the man guilty of sexual assault, she said he was allowed to graduate from MWC that spring under the condition that he receive sexual assault counseling.

"He's still allowed on campus," Hooper said in an

interview several weeks ago. "My roommates saw him just a few weeks ago when he was here visiting friends. I shouldn't have to worry about seeing him."

She said students found guilty of sexual assault deserve harsher penalties than the "slap on the wrist" she feels her attacker received.

At MWC, like many other Virginia institutions, the maximum penalty for a student found guilty of sexual assault through the college's judicial system is expulsion.

On Sept. 22, six months after Hooper said she was assaulted, the Bulletin reported that a Student Conduct Hearing Board, in a case separate from Hooper's, had found then-Student Association Vice President Rob

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### SEXUAL ASSAULTS REPORTED AT MWC IN 1991-92

- Six third party reports filed with campus police
- Three cases of sexual assault filed through the college judicial system
- 41 students seek counseling at local crisis center

## MWC Dance Program Faces Possible Elimination

By Janet Marshall

Bullet News Editor

Dance majors at Mary Washington College are "panicking," according to one major, because they have been told by dance faculty that the college is considering eliminating the dance program.

"What the students have been led to

understand is that the college is planning to eliminate the program," said sophomore Jennifer Green, a dance major who serves as a student representative for the Department of Dramatic Arts and Dance. "We have felt that we were in danger of not being able to even finish our major."

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Dancer Jennifer Green.

Photo Mike Woodward

## Credit Evaluation Process Creates Problems For Some MWC Transfers

By Kristen Green

Bullet Assistant News Editor

Transfer Michelle Lieb will take the last classes she needs to graduate from Mary Washington College at a community college because she is tired of dealing with MWC's system of credit evaluation.

Lieb, one of 112 students who transferred to MWC during the 1991-92 school year, said

that she received very few credits for classes that she considered to be entry level courses. Lieb, who transferred from Jacksonville State University and Rappahannock Community College said that she was not notified that she had not received credit for those courses until she went to George Washington Hall and asked to see her official transcript.

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FEATURES - Amnesty International writes letters to free political prisoners. See page 6.

SPORTS - Women's soccer places third in the nation. See page 8.

ENTERTAINMENT - An interview with the Arizona band, the Gin Blossoms. See page 9.



File photo

Jefferson Hall has been the site of a number of fire alarms this semester.

## False Alarms in Jefferson Frustrate Fire Department and Dorm Residents

By Katherine Ashby  
Bulletin Staff Writer

The residents of Jefferson Hall have the fire drill procedures down pat. In fact, they could probably even exit the building in their sleep, which is what they sometimes have been forced to do as a result of a faulty alarm system in Jefferson.

Fire alarms in Jefferson have gone off six times already this semester, causing frustration for both the dorm residents and the Fredericksburg firemen who must respond to each alarm. Reggie Phillips, public information director at the Fredericksburg Fire Department, said that of the nine alarms the department has responded to at the college, three were set off by burnt food in Jefferson.

"Somebody better learn how to cook," said Phillips.

Phillips estimated that each time the fire department comes to the school, 9.3 men are taken out of service and they spend an average of 22.6 minutes in the building.

"No matter what type of alarm it is, we're going to respond anyway," said Phillips.

Peter Lefferts, associate dean for residence life, said he asked physical plant personnel whether or not the alarms were too sensitive.

"My first thought was [the alarms] were too close," said Lefferts.

But Lefferts said the alarm equipment is pre-set at the factory based on standards set for the fire protection industry.

"That's not something we would tinker with," said Lefferts. "You don't change the sensitivity on those things."

In an immediate effort to solve the problem, an alarm company was called in to examine the system.

"Overall, the report seemed positive—everything running as it should be," said Lefferts.

The company did, however, find several broken stoves and residue of plastic (like from a bread bag) on one burner of every stove. Lefferts plans to enact a police test and heat all the burners in order to burn the residue off. In addition, the ventilation ducts were cleaned out last Monday.

"The report back to me was that they increased the draw on the vents 100 percent," said Lefferts.

Immediately after that, however, two more alarms went off, one of which was caused by someone boiling water.

"The initial report was that there was no evidence of smoke in either situation," said Lefferts.

But a safety officer investigating the scene came out with a chunk of plastic that had been removed from one of the burners that had burned.

"Everytime I get a report, I get two stories," said Lefferts. "From one student, I'll hear that 'it was a wisp of

smoke that came off a dot of food that was on the burner that burnt when I started boiling my water'... And then I was over there, looked at the pan, and its burnt on the bottom. The food was cooked to the point of being burned up," said Lefferts.

According to Lefferts, everyone is upset that the alarms go off so frequently— from the firemen who have complained to the president of the college to the students.

Mike Haller, president of Jefferson, feels the frequency with which the alarms go off is causing students to assume that they are false alarms. He said in some instances, residents have stayed in their rooms when alarms sounded.

"Should there be a real fire," said Haller, "it could cause injuries to people who stay in their room."

Liza Briggs, resident director of Jefferson Hall, also is concerned about the students.

"Part of what I see is a lot of frustration on the students... everytime the alarm goes off, they have to come out," said Briggs.

"I'd like to see the situation looked at a little bit," added Briggs.

The residents are also tired of the situation.

"It's a pain that I have to go out and wait when it's something insignificant. It's not like it's a blazing inferno every time," said Maggie Harrison, a sophomore in Jefferson.

"I feel it's ridiculous that we have such an antiquated system, and the ventilation over the stoves doesn't even work so if someone boils water, it goes off," said resident Kristen O'Malley.

Lefferts realizes that no one is satisfied with the situation, but he wants to keep it away from a "blaming situation."

"I would like to keep it from the firemen blaming the administration and the administration blaming the students and the students blaming the administration. That doesn't get you anywhere," said Lefferts.

"I think we just need to focus on the idea that we would like to provide good cooking facilities for the students," added Lefferts.

Lefferts has recommended a number of options to modify the kitchen areas and solve the problem long term, but he wants to see first how well the "immediate steps" are going to work.

One of the suggestions is to put hoods on the ranges to catch the smoke before it rises.

"That would have to be retro-fitted. It would be a tricky thing to do, and it would have to be custom-made," said Lefferts.

Another idea is to replace the kitchen units with stand-alone ranges since the present ones have been there since the dorm was built in 1967, and it's difficult to find parts to replace them.

The problem with this is space and money.

"Obviously if the units are falling apart, and we can't fix it because we can't get parts anymore, then we may be into bigger renovation than we would like," said Lefferts.

When asked how much money this would entail, Lefferts could not be specific, but said that it would be expensive.

Because the new ranges would need to be put in ventilated areas, Lefferts suggests one of three options.

The first option is to put the new equipment in the same place. However it is questionable whether or not it will fit.

A second option is to turn the single rooms in the building into kitchens. According to Lefferts, running water and drains would be a problem, but the electricity and vents would work well there.

The third option is to transform part of the unit into a kitchen and have one kitchen per floor instead of one per unit, as it is presently.

"All those are long term considerations that aren't going to happen this week," said Lefferts, adding that he might see the hoods first.

"I've made the recommendations to the president, and I'm awaiting his response," added Lefferts.

Lefferts said he hopes that accidents and careless cooking can be eliminated and that the students "cook properly."

In addition, Lefferts is trying to get Jefferson's hall council to establish a community standard for those students who are careless.

"You've got some students over there who are not cooking properly and are careless. I've seen it, and I've smelled it," said Lefferts.

Briggs agrees with Lefferts.

"If it's carelessness, people should be held accountable for setting off the alarms and having the fire department come out," said Briggs.

Bob Himmel, a resident assistant in Jefferson, said the R.A.'s were told to write up anyone who sets the alarm off because of carelessness.

According to Himmel, however, the R.A.'s are in a difficult position because "it's just simple little things that set it off that people can't be held accountable for."

Lefferts sent a letter to the physical plant last January concerning the fire alarm system, but it was not acted upon.

He said that there were not as many alarms set off last spring as there have been this fall, however.

"Something really has to be done right away," said Lefferts.

Briggs agreed.

"This isn't something that's just happened this year and I think that's what the residents are saying...and they just want it to be fixed," she said.

## Policebeat

### Students Arrested for Drunk in Public

By Jason Magi  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Campus police reported the following:

#### INTOXICATION

- Robert Sihler was arrested on Nov. 7 in the Student Center for being drunk in public.
- On Nov. 8, Michael Giardina was arrested in Chandler parking lot for being drunk in public.
- An intoxicated student was taken to the Health Center from Lee Hall on Nov. 8.
- An intoxicated student in Russell

Hall was taken to the Health Center on Nov. 8.

#### TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

- On Nov. 9 an accident involving a Mary Washington police vehicle occurred between Sunken Road and Cornell Street. An investigation by the state police revealed nothing. No charges were pressed.
- A parked car was hit by a tractor in the Goolrick staff parking lot on Nov. 11.

#### COMPLAINTS

- On Nov. 6, a loud music complaint was received about Mercer Hall.

When police responded, they found an ongoing party that was immediately disbanded.

#### GRAND LARCENY

- A camera was stolen from the Great Hall on Nov. 9.

#### ASSAULT/BATTERY

- On Nov. 11 a report of sexual battery was received by Mary Washington police and Fredericksburg police from a student in the Willis St. area. Investigation is ongoing.

#### VANDALISM

- A window pane at Trench Hill was reported broken on Nov. 7.

## NEWS BRIEFS

#### SUFFERED HATE INCIDENTS ON CAMPUS?

The diversity committee will be putting forms out in front of the Multicultural Center and the student information desk in the campus center for people who have suffered any hate incident on campus (race, sex, gender, etc.) to fill out. They can be done anonymously. A report will be made of all incidents and distributed throughout campus.

#### MWC DEBATERS WIN THIRD TOURNAMENT

Two varsity debaters took first place in the 6th Annual Liberty University Invitational held recently in Lynchburg. The victory was the third of the season for MWC debaters and it marks the first time that MWC has won three tournaments in a single season.

Juniors Patrick McMullen and George Townsend captured the first-place trophy by compiling a nearly

flawless 7-1 win/loss record.

#### INTERESTED IN BABYSITTING?

Selecta-Sitter, a babysitter pool sponsored by the College-Community Relations Board, is now forming. Check your residence halls for the sign-up sheets or contact Rob Bartenstein at the SA office X4023.

## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

An article in last week's *Bulletin* concerning the omission of several IDIS courses from the spring track book incorrectly attributed a quote. The quote, regarding "the adverse effects on enrollment in these courses" and the efforts to publicize the classes, should have been attributed solely to Edward Piper, associate vice president for academic services and student records.

An article in last week's *Bulletin* concerning death threats to several students unintentionally implied that one of the threatened students said the caller must have been white because the caller was not slurring his speech. The *Bulletin* neglected to mention that the comment was made to emphasize that the caller was not drunk.

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--Forrest Parker  
Director, Multicultural Center

## Student Senate, Multicultural Center Spar Over Funding For "Religious" Organizations

By Kendra Williams  
Bulletin Staff Writer

The Mary Washington College Student Senate passed a resolution Oct. 28 stating that the funding of religious organizations by the Multicultural Center directly violates First Amendment rights of the separation of church and state, according to senate minutes.

Senator Brian Donaghy proposed the resolution on the grounds that the Multicultural Center was funding Hill and Voices of Praise, two student organizations that he feels are religious in nature.

Forrest Parker, vice president and director of the Multicultural Center, responded to the Senate's resolution at the Nov. 4 Senate meeting, expressing his concern over the unanimous passage of the resolution. "A unanimous decision means that nobody questioned it," said Parker. "My main concern here is that we do our homework before we take a position so that we can make a more informed decision."

According to Parker, Voices of Praise is not a religious organization. Yet Donaghy disagrees.

"I'd like to know who they are praising," Donaghy said. "I'm not questioning the validity of that organization. I think it is a very worthwhile organization. I do not believe that my comprehensive dollars should be spent for an organization that sings in churches on the weekends or is primarily a praising group."

Donaghy also said that Hill should not receive financial support from the college because of its religious nature. But Jennifer Brown, Hill president, said that Hill receives

\$100 a year from B'nai B'rith, a Jewish organization that sponsors Hill groups across the country. Marsha Zaidman, associate professor of computer science and Hill advisor, said that members of the group also frequently contribute. She said the only money the Multicultural Center might provide would be for a speaker.

"Forrest said if we wanted a speaker, the Multicultural Center would pay for it. But we have only had one speaker that we had to pay. We also have a culture, not just a religion. I don't think most Christians understand that," Brown said.

Brown said she was disappointed because Donaghy never asked her where Hill gets their funding.

In fact, Donaghy's concern led him to call the State Auditor's office, rather than to talk to Parker or any other college administrator. He maintains that the resolution he proposed to Senate did not accuse the Multicultural Center of anything, but that it said if funding of religious organizations was going on, it must stop.

Yet Dick Miller, vice president for business and finance, does not see a problem with the Multicultural Center funding programs for either Hill or Voices of Praise.

"Not only do I think it is all right, it is what the Multicultural Center is supposed to do. That's why it was created... if [Parker] wants to fund a musical organization, which is what I consider Voices of Praise to be, that's his business," Miller said.

Amy Mumpower, student association vice president, made an appointment with Parker after the resolution passed in the Senate. It was then that

Parker found out the resolution passed unanimously.

"He gave me the Voices of Praise constitution and went over it. He explained to me that Voices of Praise is not a religious organization, it is just a form of expression. When you talk about culture, religion is part of culture and it's something that you cannot take away from a person's culture," said Mumpower.

Mumpower said she was surprised when Donaghy brought up the issue at the meeting.

"I don't want anyone to think that Senate called the State Auditor. I had no idea," Mumpower said.

According to Zaidman, the group is not eligible for funding from the college's finance committee because it is considered a religiously oriented group. She pointed out, though, that they are not affiliated with a church or synagogue.

"We are recognized as a group and specific programming is eligible for funding on a program by program basis," she said.

Donaghy said that allotting specific amounts of money to religious organizations is not the only way the college may be providing them with financial assistance.

"In my opinion, if they are using a copy machine in Ann Carter Lee Hall, if they are using paper, if they are making long distance phone calls out of that office, they are receiving funding," Donaghy said.

Cindy Chorisier, Voices of Praise president, said that Senate let her down by passing this resolution and not amending it after Parker spoke to the group.

"It should've been amended [Nov. 4]. Stop giving everyone a headache.

Senate should start dealing with the real issues on campus," she said.

Zaidman said, "I was very, very upset at first. I thought the resolution targeted the visible minority groups on this campus."

Donaghy maintains that he did not single out these organizations at random, but that Parker himself mentioned Hill and Voices of Praise to Donaghy earlier in a meeting with him concerning finance matters of another student organization.

"Basically, we were talking about funding organizations and his problem with the ability to fund organizations because he has to pay for things he doesn't normally expect, and one of those things is helping Hill and Voices of Praise because finance can't," said Donaghy.

"The reason that the two groups, Hill and Voices of Praise, were singled out was not because of my problem with the nature of those organizations but because those are the ones that Forrester's office is paying for, in his words," Donaghy added. At the Nov. 11 Senate meeting, senator and Rules and Procedures Co-Chair Mike Giardina moved that the Senate re-examine Donaghy's resolution and requested unlimited debate on the subject. The motion failed. Donaghy hopes that this motion will be proposed again at the next Senate meeting, which will be held on Nov. 18.

A resolution differs from a motion in that it simply states a view that Senate votes to either uphold or not uphold, and cannot be tabled until the following week.

## Student Dies Over Weekend

By Janet Marshall  
Bulletin News Editor

Carrie Brownell, a Mary Washington College junior, died Saturday as a result of injuries sustained in a car accident on Nov. 8.

According to Peter Lefferts, associate dean for residence life, Brownell's family has tentatively scheduled a memorial service to be held Nov. 20, in Brownell's hometown, Glen Gardner, N.J.

The service will be open to the college community.

Lefferts said the college will hold a memorial service for Brownell on Nov. 23 at 4 p.m., with the location to be announced at a later date. He said students interested in receiving details about either service can contact him in the Office of Residence Life, and that he will be distributing more information this week in a letter to the college community.

## Hepatitis B: The Unknown STD On College Campuses

By Sarah Cox  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Fear of AIDS is not the only reason to practice safer sex.

Hepatitis B, a virus that causes liver inflammation and can lead to death, afflicts about 280,000 people nationwide each year, according to Centers for Disease Control. It is often sexually transmitted, though the use of condoms and avoidance of anal contact can help prevent it.

According to Nancy Yates, head nurse at the campus Health Center, there have been no reported cases of Hepatitis B on campus. She said anyone found to have Hepatitis B would be referred to their family doctor for more specialized treatment.

Mild symptoms of Hepatitis B include headache, fatigue, appetite loss, nausea and jaundice, according to a booklet entitled "Roses Have Thorns," available in the Health Center. In 90 percent of the cases, these symptoms disappear in six to 12 weeks.

The other ten percent of the cases, however, become chronic and can cause slow, steady liver deterioration. In an even smaller percentage of these cases, a severe liver inflammation can develop. This causes rapid liver deterioration which leads to

bleeding, coma and frequently, death. Lori Parrish, head of the peer educators on sexually transmitted diseases (STD's), said the peer educators include Hepatitis B in their presentations on STD's.

Parrish also said that the American College Health Association is encouraging colleges and universities nationwide to more widely publicize Hepatitis B.

A vaccine for hepatitis B has been developed, and according to Yates, all health and police department staff members have been offered the vaccine. It consists of three year-based injections in the arm at six month intervals. The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) established the Bloodborne Standard in 1991, requiring that the vaccine be offered to any employee working in a high risk environment.

The standard is expected to prevent more than 9200 viral infections, including Hepatitis B infections, per year. It is also expected to prevent 200 deaths and protect 5.6 million workers from viruses transferred through the blood.

According to the OSHA, occupational exposures account for 5900 to 7400 cases of Hepatitis B each year. The Fredericksburg Health Department offers the vaccine for \$20.56.

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But Philip Hall, vice president for academic affairs, said the administration currently has no plans to eliminate the major. He also said that the decision to eliminate the dance major is currently in the hands of the department, not the administration.

"The current dance majors should not be worried. In fact, no students in a small program should be worried that something would happen so fast that they wouldn't be able to get their degree," said Hall.

Both Hall and Michael Joyce, chairman of the department of dramatic arts and dance, said that if the major is dropped, it will not be done until all current MWC dance majors, as well as incoming freshmen who wish to major in dance, have completed the program.

Green said she was told that the program would be re-evaluated in four years, at which point a decision would be made as to whether the department should continue to exist. Joyce said seven students currently major in dance and the department aims to expand. Joyce said the department submitted a proposal for expansion to Hall and MWC President William M. Anderson, expressing the department's wish to attain additional faculty, add to course offerings and improve dance facilities, all of which would increase operating expenditures.

But the proposal for expansion was rejected last week, and Joyce said complete elimination of the major is a possibility.

"One of the possibilities is staying the same and one is ending the major," Joyce said. He said a final decision is yet to be made.

Joyce said there are currently two full-time professors, though one is currently on sabbatical, and two adjunct professors, who teach dance at

MWC.

"The proposal we sent to the president and the dean was for expansion," Joyce said. "It would've cost some money to do what we wanted to do."

Green said the department's proposal included adding an African dance course, which would have created the need to hire a new professor. She said the proposal also called for curriculum changes in an effort to make the major more challenging.

"We feel it's not intensive enough that we can be competitive when we graduate," Green said.

She said without additional funding and curriculum changes, many majors may transfer to colleges that offer courses that will better prepare them for a career in dance.

"If we continue without funding, I'll graduate. But when prospective freshmen come in, if I know that there will be no more funding and that things will stay the same, I would be reluctant to tell them to come here because they may not receive the education they need," Green said.

Joyce and Green both said the threat of losing the major is nothing new, as the small number of dance majors has often called to question the reasons for the program's existence.

"I think [President] Anderson said it best when he said, 'Dance has been a roller coaster ride ever since I've been here,'" said Joyce.

Joyce said the department will meet on Nov. 20 to discuss the fate of the dance department. According to Green, the meeting on the 20th is for dance faculty and a separate meeting will be held for all dance students.

Green said dance majors are currently in a state of panic, unclear as to the fate of their programs.

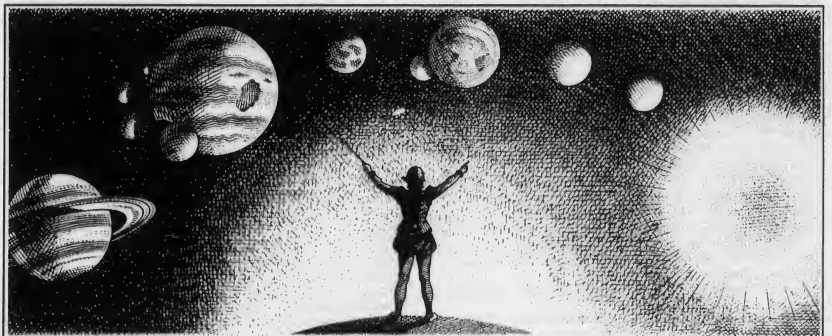
"This is our lives, this is our major. You could say we're panicking," Green said.

According to Hall, the state requires

departments to issue degrees to at least five students each year, meaning that small departments are frequently in jeopardy of being eliminated. He said dance as a major may not survive alone but since it is combined with dramatic arts, it continues

to exist.

"That's the same reason why it's the department of modern foreign languages instead of just French," Hall said. "We would've already lost German."



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# Opinions

## Your Voice . . .

Do you feel that Mary Washington does enough to promote diversity among its students?



Wendy Klimmek  
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I think the rally is a big step towards it.



Sanjeev Malhotra  
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I got a tutor from the Multicultural Center. After that, I'm glad I came to this school, knowing that they care.



Alethea Christon  
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Yes, because there's an outlet for everyone at the school. There are clubs for everything. At the same time, the college is too conservative and needs to be open to new ideas.



J.P. Sieck  
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No. I wish there were more situations where we (MWC students) would be able to get to know others who are "different" from ourselves. Overcoming prejudice begins with the individual's effort to look past the surface and stereotypes.



Janet Tawil  
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I believe that they try with the many different clubs and it seems that it's doing a good job.



John Hickman  
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Yeah, because there are a lot of different clubs and groups available for people to join.



## Editorial

What is racism? According to the American Heritage Dictionary, the definition is simply "the notion that one's own ethnic stock is superior."

By this definition, it would seem easy to say that we do not have racism here at Mary Washington College or, for that matter, anywhere else in the world, because most people know that no ethnic group of people is no better or worse than any other.

Unfortunately, it's not this easy. Understanding that concise dictionary definition means more than just memorizing a rote answer. It involves giving up power, breaking the boundaries of ignorance by not giving into stereotypes, and by trying to spread the truth, according to that definition, about ethnic diversity.

It's not easy for an ethnic group which has been totally in power since the formation of our country to give up their power, not

without a fight. No one ever gives up power easily. This power that the ethnic elite are trying to hold onto needs to be spread around so everyone can enjoy the same lifestyle, free of fear, hatred, and discrimination.

Ignorance is the biggest hinderance in understanding the definition of racism. Most people let common notions and stereotypes keep them from getting to know a person of another race. More ethnic-related problems are created as a result of the ignorance of a few people. By getting to know the person, these myths are shattered.

We are always reminded that people are people, but until we can learn the significance of that simple statement we cannot understand the definition of racism.

A.H., A.F.

## Letters to the Editor

### Column Criticized For Great Inaccuracies

I felt it necessary to write a response to the Nov. 10 column written by Brady Chapman on the plight of the Republican Party. I was shocked, nay disappointed by the cynicism and lack of comprehension of facts by Mr. Chapman.

What Brady has ignored is the fact that we Democrats have sat by for the past twelve years and watched the rich get richer and the poor get poorer and done it with a smile. We have painfully nodded our heads in agreement and shame when Republicans have told us that we might as well close shop now because we would never have the White House again. We did this all with grace and without sour grapes.

Brady, 62% of the country said it was time for a change and we got what we asked for. Allow us a little time of enjoyment, as we allowed you for over a decade. By saying that the Democrats will fail and fail miserably, you are ignoring that on Nov. 3, a majority of the voting population said that Bush failed.

In addition, on the issue of Democratic control of the House, the fact that we have held that position for so long should tell you something; that people are happy with the way things are run at home. It would take a major disaster for people to give up their local governmental services for the alms of Republican bureaucracy. As for Jack Kemp/Nancy Kassebaum in 1996, do your homework. Brady, as a resident of the state of Kansas, I can tell you that Sen. Kassebaum pledged in her campaign's not to run for higher office—ever. As for Jack Kemp... well, we saw what an old movie actor did for this country. I don't think this country needs a retired football player to make things worse.

Just couldn't let this one fly, babe.  
Christina Schrag  
Senior

### Omission Of IDIS Courses Explained

The Nov. 10 article in the *Bulletin* about the omission of four IDIS courses from the spring 1993 track book contains basic factual errors, including its title (Administrative Mishap...).

A course is listed in the track book when basic course information (title, instructor, time, location,

etc.) is sent by a department chair or program director to the Office of Student Records. This information was sent in for IDIS 200, and thus it was included in the track book. That office received no information whatsoever about the four IDIS courses mentioned in the article. Moreover, their omission from the Spring 1993 track book is not related to the change in administrative responsibilities between Dr. Weinstein and me (which occurred in 1990) as the article asserts. Whatever miscommunication that may have occurred was not between administrators, nor was it related to Dr. Hanna's illness earlier in the semester.

Despite its factual shortcomings, this article at least does call further attention to four courses that embody the College's commitment to interdisciplinary studies. I urge students to take advantage of the opportunities for a rewarding learning experience that these IDIS courses offer. Please consider them if you are looking for courses to add to your schedule, especially since three of these four classes have been designated as Writing Intensive.

Edward Piper  
Associate Vice President for Academic Services and Student Records.  
*Editor's Note: In an interview several weeks ago, Piper told a Bulletin reporter that the change in administrative responsibilities and Hanna's illness were two reasons for the omission of the courses.*

### Potential Handbook Amendments Proposed

I would like to thank my fellow Senators who wrote and signed the letter to the editor last week concerning the administration's disregard for our due process rights. The purpose of this letter is to further inform the student body about this very serious problem, and what we, as students, can do to right it.

According to the handbook, "all members of the college community have the right to due process in matters concerning discipline or their status as members of the college community."

In addition, the handbook lists ten due process rights students are guaranteed. However, the administration can violate these rights whenever they want, with no

penalty. In the eyes of the administration, if you are guilty, it doesn't matter how they obtained their evidence, you will be tried and convicted. The administration does not allow any of our juries to consider if your due process was violated.

For example, you could be in your room doing homework when for no reason an RA walks into your room and opens your refrigerator. Your RA finds a beer in the fridge and writes you up for being underage. According to the administration, you are guilty and the fact that your due process rights have been violated doesn't matter. The administration will not let a jury even consider dismissing a case because a student's due process is violated. To them, guilty is guilty no matter how many of your rights they have to violate to prove it.

It was this in mind that Keith Krisko moved that the Senate Handbook Revision Committee, which I chair, "revise the handbook to make a violation of due process rights grounds for a reversal of sanction." In other words, allow student juries the option to dismiss a case where a student's guaranteed due process rights have been violated.

Within two weeks the Handbook Revision Committee came up with what we thought was a good solution to the problem. We proposed adding a new section to the Handbook entitled "Violation of Due Process." This section would contain a short, concise statement which reads: "A violation of a student's due process rights is grounds for possible dismissal of charges." If a jury found that a student's rights had been violated, they could dismiss the case. I took the proposal to Dean Beck, and it was rejected.

The administration is quick to point out that you can appeal a conviction. But again, an appeal is based on guilty or not guilty, not on whether or not your rights were violated.

Currently, the Handbook Revision Committee is working on a new proposal to protect our due process rights. The committee is open to anybody who is interested and we are very open to suggestions. Unfortunately, I do not think the administration is going to budge, no matter what we come up with. This is where you can help. Talk to or write to Dean Beck, tell her how you feel about the issue. Have your parents write or call. Talk to

alumni. Money talks, especially at Mary Washington College. If we show we care, the administration will have to listen. The more people we have supporting the change, the more of a chance there is of it happening.

The handbook guarantees us due process rights. However, it is an empty promise because the administration can violate these rights whenever they want. We as students have to adhere to the policies in the handbook or face punishment, shouldn't the same go for the administration? It is a two-way street. It's a sad statement that the people who make the rules, don't follow the rules.

Leonard Ornstein, junior  
Senator  
see LETTERS, page 5

### Letter Policy

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## MWC Mortar Board wins Award Of Excellence

By Suzanne Horsley  
Chapter Director of  
Communications

The Mary Washington College Cap and Gown Chapter of the Mortar Board was honored at a section conference on Oct. 24, 1992, for being the "1991-1992 Chapter of Excellence." Among the college and universities in Section 3 that have a Mortar Board chapter, Mary Washington and William and Mary were the only two colleges to receive this distinction.



Amy Mumpower, president of Mortar Board, attended the conference at James Madison University. She said she was impressed at the way the larger colleges and universities were asking members from MWC for advice on programs and running the chapter.

In Oct., we took a large group of excited kids from Big Brothers/Big Sisters trick-or-treating on campus and had a party for them afterwards. On Mortar Board Night during the Annual Alumni Fund Phonathon, we raised more than \$14,000 in pledges, surpassing our goal of \$10,000 for the evening. We have shown our appreciation to MWC faculty and administrators, in this time of frozen salaries and an uncertain economy, by giving doughnuts to each department and treating some professors to a home-cooked meal. The Mortar Board

showed its support of "Into the Streets" by volunteering at the Frederickburg Food Relief Clearinghouse.

As Mumpower said, "Mortar Board takes the busiest people on campus and makes them busier." We will continue our service to the college and community throughout the year while planning Mortar Board National's 75th Anniversary Celebration in the spring.

Mortar Board is a national honor society for college seniors who represent achievement in scholarship, leadership, and service. In order to be considered for the Chapter of Excellence Award, each chapter must meet all of its goals for the academic year. Last year's Mortar Board group was the first group in MWC history to win the Chapter of Excellence Award.

Suzanne Horsley is a senior English major.

## Diversity and Variety: Racist Threats Cause Campus-Wide Consternation

By Nathan Leslie  
Columnist

When I heard that three African-American women at Mary Washington received racist death threats several weeks ago, I was not surprised in the least. The racism of the white segment of Mary Washington is unfortunately something I have come to expect. Racism at Mary Washington College is not a radical attitude held only by a handful of Right-wing extremists. Instead, racism is a fundamental aspect of the "white" Mary Washington College education and curriculum. At Mary Washington College, ignorance of non-European cultures by the white majority is directly a part of the educational process currently in place.

Mary Washington College is a

"white" school by any standards. Out of over three thousand students, only a small percentage are of non-European descent. To me though the fact that we have such a lack of diversity at MWC is an indication that we need a broad ranging set of curriculum requirements inclusive of non-European viewpoints. However, student exposure to varied viewpoints is obviously not of the highest priority to those who formulate the curriculum guidelines. For instance, where there is a "Natural World" general education requirement, an "Abstract Thought" general education requirement, there is no Non-Western Culture requirement. Yes, courses such as Anthropology 101, Non-Western Music, and Introduction of Religion do count as General Education requirements. However, a student can easily avoid such classes and still fulfill the requirements, moving on to the classes in their majors.

Once in their major courses, a student will most likely never have to be exposed to non-Western views. Take the English department, for example. Despite the fact that it is one of the more "progressive" departments at the college, the requirements for completion of the English major specifically exclude literature not written by a Caucasian author. A student who wishes to be an English major must take two courses in pre-1800 literature, but there is no requirement to read African-American literature, for example. Oh, that's right, the English department doesn't have a course on African-American literature! The English department is conducting an experiment: you read Milton, Shakespeare, and Dante and then you are suddenly able to universalize the human experience — who cares if those authors were sexist, or racist. Until Mary Washington College considers the cultural awareness white

majority a fundamental aspect of the college experience, racism will continue to thrive. But, as it is, the message that we receive is that non-Western cultures are of little to no importance. There ought to be a broad student and faculty outrage (about the curriculum and the death threats). There ought to be a administrative push for positive alterations of our "white" curriculum, and our "white" values. Instead, what we get are lip-service statements from Dean Lefferts and President Anderson, apathy from the majority of the student population, and much of us "liberal" white folk with our hands down our pants praying for the racial slurs to magically disappear.

Nathan Leslie is a junior English Philosophy major and the Co-editor of The Polemic.

## Ethnic, Religious Diversity Among Students Is Encouraged

By Chris Paige and Courtney Quillen  
Campus Christian Community

We at the Campus Christian Community would like to encourage everyone to attend the Religious Diversity Panel on Nov. 17 at 7:00 p.m. as well as other events which encourage religious diversity or other types of diversity. Experiencing diversity can enrich our understanding of ourselves as well as others. Furthermore, diversity is something which we cannot avoid or terminate. We must instead learn to understand and accept others for who they are, while doing what we can to help them grow as individuals.

In faith, as well as other areas of life, each of us is at a different level, and each is probably moving in a slightly different direction. If we are to live together, we must recognize our differences and allow each other room to

grow. We must support each other, but we must also challenge others to consider alternative perspectives. These ideas are an integral part of what CCC is about, and we encourage you to make them a part of your life as well.

The CCC is a Christian organization, funded by the Episcopal, Lutheran, United Methodist, and Presbyterian churches. Obviously, diversity is an integral part of the life of the CCC. We are interdenominational and ecumenical, which means that we welcome people from all backgrounds. We are an open community which hopes to support and encourage students as they grow in their walk with God. Activities include fellowship, fun, and support as well as forums for open discussion on issues including global, social, and campus issues as well as faith, religion, and politics.

Chris Paige is a senior Math/Religion major and Courtney Quillen is a junior Psychology major.

## Councilwoman's Resignation Leaves Ward 2 Constituents with Contented Feelings

By Robert Bartenstein  
Columnist

Well, this has been a helluva political year, filled with "radical and severe social, economic and earth changes" to quote our ward representative. And now, to cap things off, Betty Gordon has resigned from the city council. In a way, it seems almost a shame. As I look back on the events of recent months I am struck by the hole left in my life as a result of her passage. The late nights of griping about her lack of support of the college are no more, the many meetings with various enraged members of her constituency, gone, and the gleeful, though mocking reviews of city council video tapes are over at last. What shall I do?

I console myself with the warm feeling of accomplishment left in her wake. We did not bring down a Councilwoman, we strengthened our position in the community. We created a position for a person responsive to our needs and the needs of the ward members. We did not destroy a career, we assisted in her pursuit of more appropriate employment, good, right? Well, if it's so good why am I so sad?

Perhaps I feel sorrow in this time of supposed bliss because with the ending of an era came nothing, not even

"It is apparent that these college students . . . do not know the rest of the story of the ordeal of Christ which ended beneficially for humankind."

-Betty Gordon

a whimper, from the woman who portrayed herself as the victim of a college and town newspaper conspiracy. What never materialized was even a glimmer of comprehension by this besieged public servant, victim of "libelous statements" and virtual self-made Christ figure, throughout this ordeal was that we simply wanted her to do the job she was elected to do. Action of this nature would have included; thinking independently of the college's distinguished, and short of that at least "distinguishable," alumnae who sit on the council, not joining the minor league political hawking machine of the Gang of Four, not bashing the college at one point and then smiling at us through clenched teeth at another, and finally, not offering everyone in town the opportunity to run for her seat on the council while she placidly continued to sit on her own.

There was, however, one small bone left by our departing dignitary for us

to mull over, and it came late in a resignation speech, as the lights began to fade and, presumably, the subhumans began to "strip the gilding away from civilization and prepare for the attack," to paraphrase Ms. Gordon. In a parting shot at MWC, Ms. Gordon misquoted the *Bullet* as well as myself. I never said that "we crucified her" at the Ward 2 meeting called by Linda Blakemore. I said that "she was crucified" but the residents of her ward who attended. Trust me, it was an apt description of what happened. So, I've got that to keep me warm this winter, but it got better later in the paragraph:

"It is apparent that these college students and their faculty advisors do not know the rest of the story of the ordeal of Christ which ended beneficially for humankind," stated Ms. Gordon.

There it is. You read it and draw your own conclusions. The way I read it is that she is allowed the second portion of the statement as a corollary to her position, the "ending beneficially" part, but if the comparison with Christ is going to hold true, she'll have to rise from the dead in three days. At this point, in her career, I don't think even He could have pulled that off.

Robert Bartenstein is a junior English major and Chairman of the College-Community Relations Board

If you are interested in writing a column for the *Bullet*, please contact Andrea Hatch or Amy Fitzpatrick at 899-4393.

## LETTERS

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### Prejudices Need To Be Admitted And Dealt With

I would like to address the racist death threat and a few other issues here on campus.

Death threats are no joke, Mr. Telephone Caller. I refuse to accept such pathetic behavior, and I do not believe those freshmen should have such an awful thing hanging over their heads.

That act of ignorance makes me think about all the other minorities on this campus. Those who are different and/or have had to put up with oppression are all connected. Someone who is racist is most likely to also have homosexual, religious, and many other preju-

dices. Students here have also treated my gay friends badly, and have been judgemental towards friends of mine who are not of a particular religion. There are women here who have been sexually assaulted. I know these things don't just happen here at MWC, but it is too much to ask if we can make this community something to be proud of by trying to stop such garbage? When are certain people going to learn that prejudices get us nowhere? How about some respect for our fellow human beings? Our differences should be celebrated, not judged. The world would be pathetically boring if we were all the same. Our differences are intriguing, not threatening. Prejudice creates problems — it always has and always will. If one must knock

others down in order to feel better, then some serious counseling is needed. We are all in this world together, and there's no point in stigmatizing in such ignorance and believing certain human beings are better than others.

Are there any solutions? How about putting forth a little effort towards understanding? Education seems to be the key. On the individual level, I've found that the best way to learn about "different" people is to talk to them. Is that so hard?

"We didn't all come over on the same ship, but we're all in the same boat" is a favorite quotation of mine. Keep it in mind, will you, Mr. Ignorant Telephone Caller? And get educated while you're at it.

Katie Chamberlin  
Junior

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# Features



Left, Bob Owens, owner of Cards'n'Cones, stands amongst his wares in his store. Below, Owens steps outside his shop which is located on the corner of William and Caroline Streets. Photos Mike Woodward

## Amnesty Club Writes To Free International Prisoners

By Emily Trexler  
Bulletin Staff Writer

In a world where justice is often ignored, Mary Washington College's Amnesty International Club is taking a stand. The organization is mainly based on freeing people who were imprisoned for speaking their beliefs. Through writing letters and holding vigils, the club strives to make a difference through peaceful means.

"It's people looking out for people," said Mara Klein, club coordinator. "If a person in another country is being harmed, why can't we help? We have a responsibility to fulfill."

MWC's chapter of Amnesty International is relatively new and did not receive club status until the spring of 1990.

Although the club is only in its third year, Amnesty International has managed to get much accomplished. The club writes letters to the governments of foreign countries where people are imprisoned. They combine their letters with those of other Amnesty organizations to express their displeasure at the government's actions.

The goal of letters the club members write is to inform the country of the unlawful action that has taken place. They ask the government to look into the situation and bring the guilty to justice.

"Most often there is no reply to the letters," Klein said. "However statistics show that the prisoners are slowly being released. Countries don't want the bad press."

On some occasions the prisoners get to read the letters that are written. This is one of the factors that keeps the club members going.

"We often don't see results for a long time," said Eric Turnquist, club coordinator. "But often the prisoners say that reading our letters helped them get through it and that keeps us writing letters."

Dr. Chang Tsang-hung is one of the people for whom Amnesty International has been writing letters. Tsang-hung was arrested in Taiwan in December 1991 for promoting an independent Taiwan through peaceful means. His arrest goes against the rights guaranteed to all individuals under the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This document is the foundation of what Amnesty International stands for.

"Unfortunately, I don't have much hope for his release," Turnquist said.

"China does not have a very good human rights record."

Amnesty International has also written to India concerning the World Bank dam project. The project would cause the forced removal of people from homes without compensation. Klein said this kind of action also goes against the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Another big concern of the club is the death penalty. Many club members are strongly opposed to the death penalty and consider this ideology a cornerstone of their

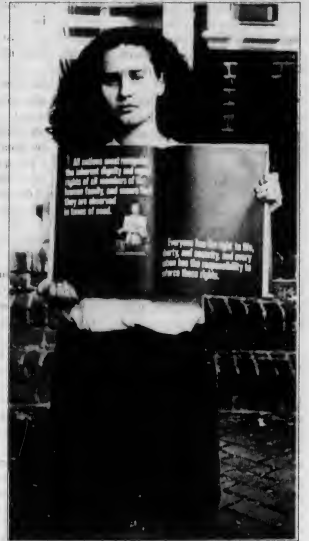


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### Mara Klein holds the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

beliefs. They feel that the death penalty is racist and a form of cruel and unusual punishment.

According to Klein, the death penalty is not a reliable form of punishment. "There is always the inevitability of human error," she said. "Clemency is now only given to those who can prove their innocence."

To make a stand about this issue, the club often holds

candlelight vigils. At these vigils they read statements from legislators and read stories of the lives of people on death row.

"The people on death row just want to be remembered as something more than just a criminal," Klein said. "They are real people who have had a whole life before and after the

crime."

"Our goal is to just make the college more aware of the problems going on around us," said senior Sarah Hartman. "We have so many freedoms that we take for granted, and we need to strive to guarantee those freedoms to others."

*Amnesty International is mainly based on freeing people who were imprisoned for speaking their beliefs. Through writing letters and holding vigils, the club strives to make a difference through peaceful means.*



Sleeping Punk?

Photo Jill Golden

Tuesday, that the threat was "unfortunate, inexcusable, and will not be tolerated."

Anderson said, "This is not bad, because racist attitudes exist. 'We welcome the opportunity to confront them.' When students graduate they are more enlightened. They won't carry biased views."

"I hate to think that we are conditioned to be a certain way," said Forrest Parker. "People go through phases of growth and development. Some people are set in their ways, but most people can change if they become more educated." He added that

to change people takes a tremendous effort, because ideas are enrooted within our community.

Anderson said that it was a myth that the school wants to keep things quiet so as not to tarnish its image.

To combat racism on campus, Anderson said that the college needs to keep open the lines of communication between faculty and students. "People bring their own ideas, their own values to college," he said. "Through the education process, we can help people see so they will embrace community values."

He also suggested increasing the

number of minority students without increasing the college's 4,000 student cap.

"We need to permeate every aspect of college life," Anderson said. "To be enlightened is really a way of living. You don't put on that hat when you go out in public."

Anderson wrote a letter last Friday concerning the life threatening incident and mailed a copy to every student on campus. "I spent Thursday and Friday drafting a statement to be put out for Friday," Anderson said,

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## Bob Owens: A Man Of Many Flavors

By Max Tuefford  
Special to the Bulletin

In this recession, only the quickest businesspeople survive. Bob Owens, sole proprietor of Cards-n-Cones, formerly Fine Lines, is one such man.

Owens, whose store is located at the corner of William and Caroline Streets, admitted that while every retailer is affected by this downturn in the economy, his card, ice cream, and gift business is stable. He said that he finds it difficult to rival stores like Phar-Mor which can offer near-cost prices on its merchandise, but Owens has developed a winning two-punch combination which makes him competitive. He offers cards, gifts, and ice cream year round, but the ice cream picks up the slack when the other items are at their lowest selling point in the summer.

His store attracts three types of customers: college students, local shoppers, and tourists. Owens said he must try to appeal to all of them.

"What you think people want is not always right," he said.

Owens explained his trick. "Find a niche, without going too far for downtown Fredericksburg," he said. Having found his niche, Owens sells untraditional greeting cards, largely focusing on uplifting saying for every occasion.

"It was ironic that at the beginning I carried only happy and funny cards," he said. "My first three customers wanted sympathy cards."

Owens quickly updated his stock to carry sympathy cards and a large assortment of other kinds of stationery, now representing over 20 card companies.

"[His store] has a lot of interesting gift ideas," said Mary Haag, Stafford resident.

Owens' success is also due in part to his ability to readily adapt to any situation. As a result, he has made many changes to his store in its six-year history.

"When I began, I really wasn't sure what kind of store I wanted," he said. His creation has evolved from a gift store with over 50 percent cards, to a gift store which also sells ice cream. Owens remodeled the store over a year ago.

Changes have occurred in the way Owens runs the store as well. For the first two years of the operation, he worked 60 to 70 hours per week by himself. Now he has six employees, mostly Mary Washington College students. "They are a tremendous resource - hard-working and honest," he said.

Spotsylvania resident Bonnie Sides said, "[His store] has a lot of unique ideas and friendly people working

here... I bring my friends."

Owens himself has experienced many changes. After a shaky start in college, of which he said he was "on the Dean's list, but not the right one," the Fredericksburg native quit to enter the Navy. Following his two-year service, he enrolled in Germanna Community College while working part-time for the Farmers and Merchants State Bank, now First Virginia. He worked there for seven years full time after graduation.

In 1979, the newly wed Owens moved to New Harbor, Maine, seeking "a less hectic pace in which to enjoy nature." There he worked at a resort for one year until he found a job in the local hospital's business department, while he and his wife remodeled their house.

When the house was finished, Owens began to work weekends for himself as a balloon twister/delivery man, an experience he said prepared him for the business he now owns. After his divorce in 1986, he found himself in Fredericksburg again. He became an entrepreneur, an act which complicated his life but, he said, "I never want to work for someone else."

Six years later, Phar-Mor has just announced the closing of 30 stores nationwide. Bob Owens is considering expanding his stock of flashy cards.

## Death Threat Forces Students And Faculty To Join Fight Against Racism

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groups on campus such as Women of Color, BOND, Voices of Praise and the Black Student Association.

"There are hardly any African-American administrators or faculty,"

Senior Angela Wright said. "There are not enough courses that offer an African-American perspective. Why isn't James Farmer's Civil Rights class an option for a general education requirement?"

Wright continued, "Other classes that deal with American history are [offered as general education requirements] and it seems to carry the message that we have the option to learn about [whites] but not about ourselves."

In a meeting held Wednesday, headed by Philosophy Professor Craig Vasey, the same issue and question was raised about the college's role in adequately dealing with the problem. The main concern of the group of about 20 faculty and students was vocalized by Vasey, who was frustrated that the college had said nothing

publicly about the incident.

"The administration has not taken a strong, public, loud morally correct position on this matter to tell everyone that this is wrong and that this kind of behavior will not be tolerated. Why don't they do that?" Vasey asked.

Linguistics Professor Judith Parker suggested writing a letter to the president asking for a public position on the matter. "I think that it is a reasonable request," she said, while others agreed that it was taking the president too long to say or do something about the incident.

Distinguished Professor Emeritus George Van Sant pointed out the president's lack of involvement in other campus problems, not just the racial ones. "I'm not trying to justify or excuse anyone in the administration but the fact of the matter is that the way the administration is functioning now that Bill Anderson has been removed."

Van Sant said "Someone needs to

tell Bill that there are many festering sores in this community and that he needs to get back involved again."

Vasey also said that he didn't feel as if the proper direction was coming from the administration. "I feel that it is the faculty or the students who have to organize activities that deal with issues such as racism, sexual harassment or homophobia," he said. "The direction is not coming from someone in the administration and that someone should be the president," Vasey said.

Assistant Dean of Student Activities Cedric Rucker said that it shouldn't be only an administrative problem. "I don't see it as 'Just what is the administration doing?' It should be what is the community doing?" he said.

"We're all a part of this community it is not just the administrators' responsibility to bring on a change," Rucker said. The group of faculty members then decided to send two representatives and a student, Psychology Professor Carol Corcoran, Van Sant and junior Michele Smith to meet with the president last Friday to discuss the idea of having a "Rally Against Racism" to show that racist behavior is intolerable in the MWC community. Anderson stated, in an interview on



William Anderson



## ASSAULTS

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guilty of sexual assault and suspended him for a year. Hooper was pleased. "I'm glad it came out into the open and I'm glad MWC finally took a stronger stance," she said. "You need to say, 'Yes, it happens, but we're not the only school where it happens.'"

In fact, as a result of the rise in campus sexual assaults, many of Virginia's colleges and universities now have written sexual assault policies in place. The policies are part of the colleges' efforts to both punish offenders and prevent future occurrences of sexual assault.

Although MWC's policy has gained the support of many, some critics still question the effectiveness, accountability and confidentiality nature of the procedure.

The confidential hearing process is one aspect of the college's judicial process that often appeals to victims, said Rhonda Angel, coordinator of sexual assault and substance abuse services. According to the Student Handbook, the proceedings of the Student Conduct Hearing Board, the judicial body that hears sexual assault cases, are confidential.

But Paul McMaster, executive director of the Freedom Forum First Amendment Center at Vanderbilt University, disagrees with the confidentiality policy. While addressing a group of reporters at a journalism conference in Chicago two weeks ago, he said that when students commit crimes, they abdicate their right to confidentiality. He added that in most instances the number of administrators, board members, witnesses and student leaders who know about the case makes confidentiality nonexistent before a case ever reaches print. He also said that college courts need to be open to ensure their integrity.

"Justice in secret is no justice at all," McMaster said. But Conrad Warlick, vice president for administrative services and chairman of the board, disagrees.

"I don't agree with that, simply because I believe the lack of confidentiality violates both parties," Warlick said.

When the *Bullet* reported Abrams' suspension earlier this semester, Warlick declined to comment, citing the confidential nature of the hearing. According to Warlick, the confidentiality is designed to protect both the accuser and the accused.

"I don't think that you have to have publicity about specific cases to let people know that the system works," Warlick said in an interview last week. "Because the policy and procedure are sound and good, people recognize that it is a workable approach."

The woman who brought charges against Abrams earlier this semester declined comment to the *Bullet*, and her student defender said she did not want details of the trial to be printed.

Kim Floyd, one of approximately 15 peer educators on sexual assault at MWC, said that while students need to be aware that sexual assault does occur at MWC, they do not need to know specific details of cases.

"My point of view is that it's okay

for students to know what's going on but I don't think any identification of any kind should be done unless the victim says it's okay," she said.

The *Bullet* ran Abrams' name but withheld the name of the victim. But although the victim's name was not printed, Floyd was displeased with the *Bullet*'s coverage. She said the size of the school and the details about the incident reported in the *Bullet* made it possible for the victim to be identified without the use of her name.

"That bothered me because people would be able to pinpoint who it was," Floyd said.

Andrea Hatch, editor of the *Bullet*, defended the printing of Abrams' suspension. She questioned the legitimacy of the hearing's confidentiality and said the newspaper was only fulfilling its role as a legitimate news source.

"It is our job as a campus newspaper to let students know what's going on at Mary Washington and that includes information that some people think should not be made known to the college community," Hatch said.

"If you have a student defender, witnesses, peer educators and faculty members who are involved in the trial, how can you call it confidential?" Hatch added.

Though Floyd and Warlick feel that specific cases should not be reported, Hooper disagrees. She said seeing details of her hearing in print may have been difficult and upsetting, but that students at MWC have a right to know when a student is found guilty of sexual assault.

"I can understand a little bit of confidentiality but to go around saying that sexual assaults don't go on around here is absurd," she said. "Last year I felt like everything was covered up."

Hooper was one of more than 8,000 women students across the state to report being a victim of sexual assault last year, according to a recent survey conducted by the Governor's Task Force on Substance Abuse and Sexual Assault on College Campuses. Seven percent of all female students surveyed said they had been sexually assaulted on Virginia's approximately 50 college campuses between August 1990 and July 1991, according to the statewide campus study released in the spring of 1992 by the State Council of Higher Education.

"Extrapolating from the percentages of respondents who reported these incidents and the reported number of incidents per woman, last year's women students would have had about 8,148 experiences of sexual assault, 1,467 attempted rapes, and 1,395 completed rapes," the study reported.

Approximately 5,000 students statewide were surveyed as part of the task force's study, which revealed that as few as two percent of students who were sexually assaulted reported the incidents to local or campus police.

At MWC six sexual assaults have been reported to campus police in 1991-92, according to David Ankeny, campus police chief. Angel said three

cases of sexual assault have been heard by the Student Conduct Hearing Board in 1991-92.

Yet Angel said 41 MWC students have sought counseling at the Rappahannock Council Against Sexual Assault, and that 18 students have sought counseling at the psychological services center on campus in 1991-92 for sexual assaults that occurred since the students arrived at MWC.

Angel credits the task force created by Gov. L. Douglas Wilder in April 1991 with pressuring Virginia's colleges to formulate more stringent policies regarding sexual assault.

The task force examined prevention, treatment, reporting procedures and other activities regarding sexual assault and substance abuse on Virginia's college campuses.

As a result of their findings, the task force recommended, among other things, that students receive education about sexual assault, that victims of sexual assault have adequate treatment services, and that campuses develop judicial procedures for the reporting of sexual assault "that meet the required legal standards and reflect the individual needs and traditions of each campus."

"I know that prior to the governor's task force very little was done on college campuses in Virginia to meet the needs of sexual assault victims," said Angel.

In fact, according to a State Council of Higher Education survey conducted in Oct. 1991, "Only a handful over a third of the institutions reported having written policies on sexual assault and articulating education and prevention goals, including only five of the 23 community colleges."

Angel and Nancy Bailey, staff psychologist, co-wrote MWC's sexual assault policy, which was approved by the Board of Visitors in 1991.

"We wanted something in writing that stated our college's position on sexual assault. That is, that we will not tolerate it," said Angel.

Under the current policy, a student who is sexually assaulted can file charges through the student judicial system, through the campus police, through the Fredericksburg police or through any combination of the three.

Angel said she always notifies students of each option, as well as of the counseling available to them through the both the college and the Rappahannock Council Against Sexual Assault.

"We want students to know everything that's available to them," she said.

Angel noted that students who are assaulted are more inclined to report incidents through the college's judicial system than through a criminal system.

"Some students do not want their assailant placed in jail," Angel said. "All they are looking for is an end to their contact with the person."

Angel also said that to prosecute criminally, the burden of proof is higher than with a college judicial system and the criminal hearing process can be much longer. Guilt beyond reasonable doubt is needed to find a student guilty through MWC's judicial board, and an attempt is made to match the punishment with the crime, Angel said.

Christa Hooper, however, feels that the board failed to adequately punish her assailant. Yet she said that some punishment is better than none and that the school's policy, regardless of its faults, is a step in the right direction.

"I am still angry but the steps that MWC is taking are better than no steps at all," Hooper said.

Angel and Warlick said the policy is evolving and that they are constantly looking for ways to improve it.

"I don't think anything is ever done and cast in stone," Warlick said. "I certainly wouldn't think that we would say, 'Well, this is it.'"

According to the Student Handbook, sexual assault at MWC includes charges of rape, forcible sodomy, fondling or touching an unwilling person's genitalia, groin, breast or buttocks and is "defined as any of the aforementioned acts undertaken by a friend or acquaintance without consent." Sexual assault occurs when a person is subject to any of the above acts against his/her will, either by

force, threat, intimidation, or through use of the victim's mental or physical helplessness of which the accused was aware or should have been aware."

If a student wishes to file sexual assault charges through the college judicial system, the student must contact the Dean of Students, Joanne Beck, and relate the incident to her. The dean then initiates the Student Conduct Hearing Board process. According to the Student Handbook, the Student Conduct Hearing Board consists of ten members from the college community and "a quorum of four must be present to hold the hearing."

The board can hand down sanctions for sexual assault ranging from suspension from residence halls to suspension or expulsion from the college. When hearing a case, the board follows a detailed hearing procedure, as specified in the Student Handbook.

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stating that it was because of poor communication that it took him so long to put out a statement regarding the incident.

"I learned about the incident third-hand and I don't think that many people realize that there was a lot going on and that I was running in and out of town and was unable to get the information because people didn't come forward immediately," Anderson said. "If there needs to be any major improvement in the administration's functioning it should be communication."

According to Marjorie Poeyck, executive assistant to the president, the meeting between Corcoran, Van Sant and student Michele Smith last Friday was successful. "The purpose of their meeting was to primarily ask the president to speak at the rally," Poeyck said. "And he agreed to speak

along with other faculty and students at the rally," Poeyck said.

Smith felt that the meeting with Anderson was successful. "He, at first, kept saying that he didn't want it to turn into a one shot deal where people get excited and then nothing happens afterward."

"He also said that he was keeping the three women's feelings in mind because they were the one's who would be most affected by the rally" Smith said.

Smith said that she hoped that the rally on Wednesday would show that it's not just a white or black problem but that it's a people problem. "I hope that people know that it's not a bash Anderson meeting but it's an opportunity for people to let him know how they feel about the incident and what has happened."

"The first step in dealing with any problem is acknowledging that it exists," Smith said.

According to freshman Yolanda Floyd, one of the three women who were threatened, the administration has acknowledged the incident. She stated that the meeting that she, Christmas and Branch had with the president on Friday was very successful. "He seemed really concerned and enthusiastic about working with us and making sure that we were ok," she said. "It made me feel good that he was taking the time to talk with us and make sure we were alright," Floyd said.

Floyd also added that Marjorie Poeyck paid a visit to her, in her dorm room on Thursday afternoon to talk and make sure they were ok and to reassure them that the administration was there to support them. "She wanted to let us know that the administration was doing something about it even if nothing had been publicly stated," Floyd said.

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# Sports

## Soccer Finishes Third In Nation

By Tim Dwyer  
Bulletin Sports Editor  
and Dodd Terry  
Special to the Bulletin

For the fourth straight NCAA Tournament game, Mary Washington College found themselves involved in a 1-0 game. Unfortunately, the Eagles ended up on the wrong side of the score this time.

A University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth goal in the opening minutes of the first fifteen minute overtime period proved to be the game winner, and ended the season for the Eagles. "We felt like we were robbed because the best team didn't win," said junior forward Becky Miller. "We had opportunities that we just didn't capitalize on."

Miller, who scored the winning goals against North Carolina Wesleyan College in the first round and Denison

were nervous, but excited about playing in the national semifinals. They thought they handled the pressure well and tried to treat it like any other game. One factor that helped to relieve some of the pressure for the Eagles players was the home crowd during the game. "The crowd really helped us to get motivated," said Miller.

However, the Eagles tried to avoid some of the pressure of being the first team in school history to host an NCAA Division III championship. On Friday before the game, MWC spent the night in a hotel.

"We took different methods this year to beat the home field jinx," said senior Jennifer Cochran. "The hotel and banquet the school gave helped in treating it like an away game."

This season marked the farthest that MWC has ever advanced in the tournament. The last two seasons the Eagles were knocked out by losing first-round home games to Kalamazoo

in 1990 and Trenton State last season.

"We had our best individual talent this year," said Miller. "Initially, it took awhile to get the chemistry going, but we peaked at the right time, the tournament."

Miller went on to add that everyone on the team gets along real well with one another.

This team chemistry is not only evident on the field, but it also can be seen off the field. The following day, the Eagles players were seen sitting in the stands together watching the championship game between the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth and SUNY-Cortland, who defeated the University of California-San Diego in penalty kicks on Saturday.

In the championship game, Cortland's goal in the first three minutes provided the only scoring necessary and gave

**"We felt like we were robbed because the best team didn't win. We had opportunities that we just didn't capitalize on."**

-Becky Miller  
Junior forward

Coach Kurt Glaeser, who has led MWC to the NCAA Tournament in each of his four seasons as Eagle head coach, agreed with Miller's assessment of MWC's problem finishing their scoring chances.

Even with the disappointment of losing in the national semifinals, Glaeser did point out some positive things this tournament had on the team.

"This was great experience for the younger girls," said Glaeser.

Two of the players that fit into this category are freshmen Julie Mason and Stefanie Teter. Both said that they

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Freshman Julie Mason battles a University of Massachusetts defender for the ball, above. Senior Ashley Young goes past another defender as sophomore Kelley Walsh offers support, above, right. Junior Becky Miller battles for a loose ball in the penalty area, far right. Young fights an opponent for the ball, right. Photos Brendan Kelly.

## Battle Scenes From The Battleground



## MWC Must Thank Women's Soccer

Tim Dwyer  
Bulletin Sports Editor

This past weekend the women's soccer team participated in the national tournament with the hopes of bringing a title to MWC. Unfortunately, the ladies lost 1-0 in the semifinals to the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth despite outplaying the Corsairs (If anyone knows what a Corsair is, please let me know) for the

entire game.

MWC is without a soccer championship, but we got something much more important on Saturday, SCHOOL SPIRIT. The entire MWC community owes the women's soccer team a great deal of thanks. This is my fourth (and last, knock on wood) year at MWC, and I have never seen anything come close to that scene on Saturday.

The bleachers were full with students actually cheering for the team instead of sitting on their hands and talking

about an exam or something useless like that. I saw students that are usually at the games, students that attend only big games, students that have never attended anything in their life and faculty members that have never seen anywhere other than class. I even saw some alumni cheer at the game. Some people I know got off work to watch and others that couldn't get off, took breaks to come and see a little of the game. There were cheers that spelled out "Eagles."

that chanted "Let's go MWC" as the

student body stomped on the bleachers

Some students even took the time to make posters for the team that read "Go MWC" and some of the players, like Becky Miller, had signs with their names on them. When was the last time you ever saw that at an Eagle sporting event? I'll tell you, never. The only thing missing was the megaphone and that was only because of some stupid NCAA regulation not allowing foreign noise makers into the

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Assistant Coach Mike Webb instructs some of the players at practice.

## Men's Soccer: Virginia State Champions

By Tim Dwyer  
Bulletin Sports Editor

At the beginning of the season, Mary Washington College's men's soccer team set three goals for the upcoming year. After beating Randolph-Macon College 2-1 last Saturday, the Eagles accomplished two of the three goals by winning the Virginia Intercollegiate Soccer Association Championship (VISA) for the third time in the last five years.

"We did accomplish two of the three goals that we set for ourselves at the

beginning of the season," said sophomore David Holt. "We won the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) and the VISA."

Holt scored the winning goal against Macon with a couple of minutes left in overtime. Senior Terry Murphy scored the first goal for the Eagles.

The Eagles advanced to the VISA finals by defeating Virginia Wesleyan for the first time in over two years last Wednesday down in Norfolk. Senior Tony Trepal, who was named CAC Player of the Year for the second straight year, scored his team high

17th goal of the year. Sophomore Tommy Walshaw added a penalty kick late in the game to seal the 2-0 victory for the Eagles.

Junior goalie Ryan Wilwert recorded his seventh shutout of the year by stopping the Marlins only two shots on goal.

"Beating Virginia Wesleyan and especially Macon was definitely a good way to end a season that was difficult for a lot of us," said Holt.

Despite winning the CAC and VISA Championships, the Eagles did not accomplish their third goal, a bid to the

NCAA Tournament.

"Winning the VISA shows we're a good team," said Coach Roy Gordon.

"When we beat Wesleyan, we showed that we can play at that level." Gordon was referring to the fact that Wesleyan did receive a bid to the national tournament. Gordon went on to say that he feels MWC is as good as some of the teams in the NCAA Tournament, but just couldn't win some of the key games, like the 1-0 loss to Roanoke.

"Unfortunately for the seniors, we

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## Riding Team Continues Successful Season

By Allison Murdoch  
Assistant Sports Editor

The MWC riding team is working hard this season and gearing up for their last horse show on Nov. 21 at Randolph-Macon College.

"We have a good team this year," said sophomore rider, Becky Anders. "Although we lost eight or nine riders last year, we're still a strong team."

Senior Rob Cerullo agrees with Anders and adds that this year the team has many novice riders, but they just do not have a lot of show experience. The team has twenty riders; 18 women and two men. MWC is in Region Seven of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA). Other teams included are the University of Virginia, University of Maryland, Sweet Briar College, Randolph-Macon Women's College, William & Mary, Goucher College, Towson State College, Lynchburg College, Longwood College, and Christopher Newport.

There are six different levels involved in the IHSA. They are open, intermediate, novice, advance walk-trot canter, beginner walk-trot canter, walk trot. A rider's experience in horse shows and how long he or she has been riding determines what level a rider will show in.

Cerullo says that an example of this is if a rider has been in a certain number of A-rated shows and gotten a certain number of ribbons then the rider can

not ride in novice. It all depends on prior horse showing experience and the number of ribbons a rider has won.

"I have 15 years of experience, but I didn't show before college, so I had an advantage because I didn't have a lot show experience but I did have experience," said Cerullo.

The MWC team has had three competitions this season. They won the ribbon for high point college at University of Maryland on Oct. 4. At their second show, on Oct. 25, MWC tied with Christopher Newport College for reserve ribbon behind Sweet Briar College, the high point college. On Nov. 8, MWC placed 4th out of 12 teams at a show at Goucher College. The MWC riding team had four shows in the fall and five in the spring in the 1992-93 season. Along with these shows, MWC can also qualify for regionals, zones, and nationals.

To make regionals, an individual rider must move up at least one level of experience. For example, if a rider moved from novice to intermediate then he or she would qualify for regionals. From there, places 1-4 at regionals qualify for zones. Those riders who place 1-2 at zones make nationals.

On a team level, a team who accumulates the most points in the region will make it to nationals. Last year, MWC missed out by only one point to University of Virginia.

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## Sports Briefs

## Volleyball Captures ECAC

The MWC volleyball team captured first place in the ECAC Tournament this past weekend in Allentown, PA. The Eagles defeated Allentown 15-6, 15-7, and 15-2 in the semifinals and then defeated Hunter College (NY) 15-11, 15-7 and 15-12 in the finals. MWC finished the season with a 31-10 record and a fourth straight appearance in post-season play.

Senior Tamalyn Reed and junior Jennifer Wilson were named to the Capital Athletic Conference First-Team.

## Swim Team Rolls on

The women's swim team improved their record to 3-0 on the season with two wins over the weekend. On Saturday the women defeated Catholic University 153-51. The following day they defeated Frostburg 133-94.

The men's team lost on Saturday to Catholic 113.5-92.5, but rebounded the next day against Frostburg and won 125-83 and up their record to 2-1.

The men will swim against Washington and Lee this weekend and the women have the week off.

## Runners Place In Meet

The men's and women's cross country team competed in the NCAA Division III South / Southeast Region over the weekend in Swanne, TN.

The women's team finished second behind Emory University. Allison Coleman was the top MWC runner in the 3.1 mile race finishing seventh with a time of 19 minutes and 51 seconds.

The men's team finished fifth in their five mile race led by Johnathan Gates, who came in 12th overall with a time of 26 minutes and 46 seconds.

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event.

Another positive outcome of the cheering was that it was all positive for the most part, except for the comments directed to the referee and one quick chant that began "U Mass, U Mass, U Mass, U..." And even those stopped when the "Wackennut" rent-a-cop with absolutely no personality gave us dirty looks (To the athletic department, I started none of those chants, but I did participate. I only brought the toilet paper).

MWC students even cheered for the

other schools in games that MWC was not playing in. The University of California-San Diego seemed to be the favorite in the first semifinal game against eventual champion Cortland. I think UC-San Diego deserved to win because of their sweeper. She was the only player on the field who had short sleeves on during the game. Dawn was a player (I hope you enjoyed your hot chocolate).

I don't know if this school spirit will carry for the rest of the year, and even

if it doesn't, we still owe a lot to the women's soccer team. They brought this school together, like a college should be. So when you see one of the ladies on the team, you had better thank them and buy one of them a drink (not necessarily an alcoholic drink) or something like that (I will) because they deserve it.

I tip my ski cap to each and everyone of you. You all deserve it. Congratulations on a terrific season. Now let's go out and PARTY and continue that school spirit.

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Although riders are judged on what level they show in, they are also judged on what class they compete in. There is a flat class and a jumping class. Open through novice can jump, whereas the other levels can not.

"In the flat class, you are judged on how you look," said Cerullo. "In the jumping class, there is a course set up of usually eight fences and you are judged on how well you look and how well the horse jumps the fences."

"It needs to look pretty and it needs to look effective," adds Cerullo. "The rider can't be too far

back or too close to the fences, and the rider's body needs to move naturally with the horse."

When traveling and competing, the MWC team uses the horse supplied by the host team.

"We can't warm up on the horse, but we can watch the horse before the show and get an idea of what the horse is like," said Anders. "It's difficult because you don't know what to expect."

The riding team practices five days a week at Hazlet Farm. The farm just added a new ring called the Elizabeth Morrison Equestrian Center. Cerullo says that practice consists of

a lesson with the coach in the ring in which you work on basic elementary positions and walk trot-canter. The rest of the lesson consists of working on jumps.

"This team is the best team since my freshman year when we went to nationals," said Cerullo. "This year compares closely to that year."

"With the new sophomores and freshmen it's all coming together, and next year we'll be awesome," said Cerullo.

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didn't make the NCAA's, but we have a good group of players returning and I look forward to next year and accomplishing that third goal," said Holt.

One of those returning players, freshman Casimir Yasutis, really thought this season was a learning experience for himself.

"As the season went along I learned of all the rivalries of MWC," said Yasutis. "When we defeated Wesleyan and Macon for the finals, our season finally came together. Unfortunately our luck this season didn't allow for the opportunity for an NCAA bid."

Even though the Eagles did not

receive a bid, many received individual honors.

Trepal will graduate as MWC's second all-time leading scorer behind Bill Lohr, who graduated in 1986. Trepal finished with 123 points (52 goals, 19 assists). Lohr had 134 points (138 goals, 18 assists). Trepal was joined on this season's All-CAC First Team by Wilvert, Walhall, and junior John Lee and freshman Jeff Kramer.

Holt, Murphy and junior Ted Keim were named to the All-CAC Second Team.

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the Red Dragons their first national championship in their seventh trip to the national tournament.

Out of all the teams in the national tournament UC-San Diego has the most experience. Division III women's soccer introduced the national tournament in 1985, the Tritons have appeared in seven straight national tournaments. They won the title in 1989 after finishing second in 1988. They are also second in career tournament wins with 12, only one behind Ithaca's 13.

MWC appeared in their fourth and the University of Massachusetts made its first trip to the national tournament.

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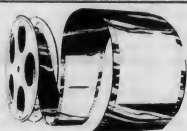
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# Entertainment



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"Wild At Heart"

Sunday November 22 7:30/10:00

"Wild At Heart"



## Shows

November 19-22: Fall Dance Concert;  
Thursday-Saturday 8:00 p.m.; Sunday  
2:00 p.m.; Klein Theatre; Tickets: \$3;  
Call 899-4330 for more information.

November 21 & 23: Mary Washington  
College Show Choir; 7:30 p.m. Dodd  
Auditorium; free.

## Exhibits

Belmont Gallery  
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10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily, 1-4 p.m. Sunday.  
899-4860. MWC ID free.  
Through March: "A Retrospective  
Survey of Works by Gari Melchers"

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Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.  
\$3 adults, \$1 ages 6-18, MWC ID free.  
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Ridderhof Martin Gallery  
MWF 10-4; Sat, Sun 1-4. Free.  
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## Lectures

November 17: Lecture: "Natural  
Estuarine Research Reserve Systems in  
Virginia;" Dr. Maurice P. Lynch,  
director Chesapeake Bay N.E.R.R.S. in  
Virginia; Trinkle 204;  
4:00 p.m.; free.

November 18: Lecture: "Remembering  
the Neighborhood of 1789;" Paula S.  
Felder, John Johnson, and John N.  
Pearce, Fredericksburg historians; James  
Monroe Museum; 7:00 p.m.; free;  
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November 20: Lecture: "Dazzling  
Demos and Videographed Bloopers;"  
Dr. John T. Fortman, professor of  
chemistry, Wright State University; 8:00  
p.m.; Combs 100; free.

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By Rafael Mazarrasa  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Robin Wilson, guitar player and vocalist of the Gin Blossoms, is sitting on a couch puffing on a cigarette at MWC. He smiles and shakes his hand. He wants to know the origin of my accent. I tell him, he smiles again. "Really? That's cool. We are from Arizona so we have no accent, except when we get near the South, it's like a built-in thing. Actually I think that I'm the only white person in Arizona who knows how to say chicharouns," he grins. "Chicharouns? Oh! You mean chicharrones." The members of the Gin Blossoms have a good reason to smile as often as they do. In its five year history the group has skyrocketed from unknown alternative status to a major label release. With only one independently released record to their credit, the Gin Blossoms got a contract with A&M records. Currently, they are touring with Toad The Wet Sprocket. The success obtained by the Blossoms is rare in a world where alternative bands come and go without leaving a trace.

Originally from Tempe, Ariz., one of Phoenix's suburbs and site of Arizona State University, the Blossoms have been together since 1987. Their name comes from a slang term for a disease that affects the blood vessels of the nose. The capillary veins burst producing a reddening of the area. One can frequently observe the condition in heavy drinkers.

The first two years of the Blossom's careers were marked by heavy gigging, sometimes up to 17 shows a week. Soon their popularity rose to the point where they could quit their day jobs to dedicate themselves exclusively to music. That in itself is pretty rare in local bands, but as any of them will tell you, they got extremely lucky.

After releasing their debut album "Dusted" on an alternative label, they were voted Phoenix's best band for two consecutive years. That gave them the opportunity to play in Austin's South West music festival. Their success in Texas earned them a spot as the only unsigned band in the College Music Journal (CMJ) awards show. There they came in contact with people from the Association Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) who booked some shows for them in Los Angeles.

"In L.A. we got a lawyer and he helped introduce us to the labels—that's when it got out of control. You know you are in trouble when you need a lawyer," says Wilson.

"Trouble" translates into an unsuccessful attempt to record with a noted producer, which was to be their major label debut. Apparently, the disagreement between the producer and the band was absolute. Forty days and ninety thousand dollars later, the recording was not going anywhere. Finally A&M agreed to let the group return to their native Arizona and make a record on their own — the

*It takes a long time in the studio before you develop yourself to the point where you can come up with a vision of what your music should sound like.*

Robin Wilson, acoustic guitar player of the Gin Blossoms

result was the EP "Up and Crumbling." Wilson blames part of the failure on their lack of studio experience.

"It takes a long time in the studio before you develop yourself to the point where you can come up with a vision of what your music should sound like. It wasn't until we got the opportunity to fail in L.A. and we got to record on our own that we got enough security to know what we wanted," says Wilson.

The EP was well received and some of the songs were rated high up in the alternative music charts. When the time came for the Gin Blossoms to make a full length album they chose Ardent Studios in the city of Memphis, birthplace of rock'n'roll. Their new producer, John Hampton, who had worked with bands such as the Replacements and the Vaughan Brothers,

proved to be the ideal choice.

The resulting album, "The New Miserable Experience" has a powerful mix of melodic, guitar-driven pop songs with a southern alternative sound. The release of "The New Miserable Experience" marked the beginning of the "Recoup My Ass" tour.

"The record company is like a big bank. Recoup means when they get all their money back. Investing in a band like us costs them a lot of money," Wilson explains. "We

don't actually make any money from them, they pay us a salary but we have to recoup that too. So we don't get any royalties until the record company gets all their money back. Most bands never recoup. That's why our t-shirts say 'Recoup My Ass' — we've accepted the fact that we'll probably never recoup."

The Blossoms have played with Del Amitri for a short time and now they are playing the second leg of their tour with Toad The Wet Sprocket which will go on until Christmas. Wilson has nothing but kind words for them.

"We had no idea before the tour started how big this group was. We didn't know that it was going to be one or two thousand seats sold out every single night," he says. "We are really lucky, this is probably the best tour we could possibly be in after releasing our first record. Besides, the guys in Toad are great, we get along with them really well. They smoke pot too which is really good because we don't have any, and they get us high."

Wilson adds that he often asks the audience to get high with him, and he usually has two or three offers. One time Wilson had a chance to talk to the audience when Scott Johnson's guitar blew up half way through the show. He encouraged those who had "gotten past the Gestapo at the doors" to get him stoned, and he also gave away Elvis trading cards among other things.

Wilson says, "People go crazy for that junk. It's just a piece of cardboard, you know? But they love it, and for me it's just a matter of communication. Just expressing to the audience that we are just these guys playing our music, you know? Nothing special, just a rock band."



## MWC Dance Company's Fall Concert Includes First Modern Ballet In 20 Years



Dancers practice for their upcoming Fall Concert Nov. 19 through Nov. 22.

By Jamie Pizzomo  
Bulletin Staff Writer

For the first time in twenty years, MWC Dance Company members will be twisting and leaping in a modern ballet.

Included in the performance will be a jazz dance, three modern dances, and a modern ballet. The show will also feature three guest artists to help with choreography.

"I think it is unusual because it has elements of humor and lightheartedness mixed in it. The audience won't be forced to figure out the meaning of life," says freshman Jackie Brenner.

Although the modern ballet is something new for the dancers, the dance company started a number of years ago, and according to Jean Hunt, assistant professor of dance, has come a long way.

"[the dance company] used to be a club, then in the mid-seventies a credit was offered to those who chose to take dance. Everything is much more professional—from the lighting, to the costumes, to the performing."

Hunt also feels that the great diversity in the professors will make the performance even more interesting.

Along with the already talented staff of the dance department, the three guest artists will include Sharon Wyrwick, Eric Hampton and Cathy Paine.

Wyrwick, a touring artist who is spending the semester as a guest artist at MWC, directed "Infinite Passions," a selection that incorporates not only pure dance but also visual, spoken, and theatrical elements. Wyrwick feels the students possess a certain quality that she has not seen at many other colleges and universities.

"I have taught at a lot of different universities and I have seen that different departments attract certain students. The students here continue to remain the most enthusiastic, spirited, and thoughtful throughout the semester," Wyrwick said.

Hampton, another guest artist, is choreographing the modern dance ballet. Many students, performers, and professors are excited to see a modern ballet on the stage of Klein Theater.

"I feel that the unique quality of this



years performance is that after so many years a ballet is being performed, and the fact that Eric Hampton is doing it," says Hunt.

Cathy Paine, assistant professor of dance who has taken a year's leave of absence, has come in to choreograph a modern dance.

Burton says, "So many dances, with so many symbols—it should be interesting to see how the audience perceives the dances, and how the artists meant them to be."

The Fall Dance Concert will be performed Nov. 19-21 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 22 at 2 p.m. Tickets are on sale now for \$3 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 899-4330.

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## Personals

S.L.K.-

Can we act our age and acknowledge each other's presence? After all we lived in the same closet for a year. Call me crazy, but this is silly! No one else has this problem.  
-Your ex-"superficial" roommates

R.M.M.-

Are french fries dipped in lemonade a good combination? Hey... Why don't you write me for once? Did I tell you how good you look at that desk?  
-Your MW 12:35 visitor  
Soozana

Brett and Willard Company-

Can you crawl over the couch like Bob can?...Bob is too cool, too bad he's got a dry skin problem...Does your back hurt??  
-D

Hey Mo! (I mean Maureen.)-

You are way cool. Don't believe anyone that doesn't say that! Am I ever wrong? Not!  
-Brian

To the 40 ounce boys-

It may be too cold to grill but never too cold to grill. Give us a call.  
-Love 911 Marge

Saidgirl-

Thanks for putting up with the bad parts but more importantly, thanks for all of the new, wonderful parts.  
-Love Saidboy

Matt-

Are you sure you're engaged?  
-Ill

Frutty-

Love ALL those men!  
-Puffy

Hey fellas-

I got a new wallet. I can't wait to show you.  
-Ren

To the man with the magical fingers-

We think you are wonderful!  
-Love The Oak Tree on the Prairie

JMT-16-

Don't be a stranger, we miss you!  
-Love Marye St.

Hey Friendboy-

Where were you last Friday night? Anything we should know?  
-Love Trouble

Anne, Nancy, Sandy, and Po!

I love you all! The nights together are blissful. Whenever I'm needed, please call.  
-Love Mr. Bushnell

Jon-Eric-

Good thing you didn't wear the fluorescent yellow sweater in the auction-then you would really have gotten the wrong # Ha, Ha.  
-P.S. Where is my moosehead?

Could I borrow a shirt with buttons?

You can wear my cute dress with purple things Anytime!  
-You Know!

Jon-O-

Here's your Bullet quote of the day-Get your gaiter in gear, there's bound to be some action here...or NY...or CT...!!  
-Swan

Custis 3rd Kite Flying team-

How long can you keep it up?  
-Munchichi

Coach-

Scenes like the action has been slow lately. Things should heat up on Ladies' Night. Pop the question, baby.  
-T.Q.

Karen-

It's your birthday! (Was your birthday, anyway) Celebrate with Dusty!  
-Love Allison

Jeff Tidwell-

I've seen you around campus-I can't wait to be alone with you, and show you what I can do.  
-A girl

Lenny-

Next time we dance together, don't get a b---. It wasn't that good!  
-C

Jon M.-

Three times a charm. Go for it. Make that woman yours.  
-The Mouth from Upstairs

H.B.-

Remember the nights of Arsenio Hall in the Russell basement? or the numerous MWC hospital visits? And who could forget being pulled over on the B.R.P. for 110! You're the best & have a great break!  
-Love T.G.

Dear Suwan-

I miss studying with you in Trinket! So, let's get our candy and our books and I'll meet you in the Computer Room.  
-Love Ang

Amy C-

Thanks for informing me of the resignation. Too bad your friend didn't have the guts to do it himself!  
-Jen

Bruce-

I mean Shamu, Cold Nose, cold toes, warmish heart! Just Kidding...I hope!  
-Snoopy

B.F.B.#2-

I'm having a great time! Hope it continues! Where's the cream?  
-?

To my manic roomies T.Q., Ma, and Princess Muffy-

Thanks for the free entertainment. If I knew it came with room I'd have been all over it a long time ago! Have a great Thanksgiving and wish me luck with my mom's food!  
-Love Po-luscious

Dear Kory-

How's that whooping cough and bad knee coming along? Hope you are well!  
-Love Angela

Hi Robert of 230-

What's going on? We should all hang out more often- M.M.A.A. oh yeah- & Pookie too! When's the next Mercer Party? Say Hello to the fellas for me!  
-Love Mg 413

Pozz, LBJ-

Kill the rabbit! Kill the rabbit! If you don't Crawford will!  
-S

Lenny-

Too bad you can't get play.  
-C

Guess who was here this weekend? Joe.

Joe who? Jo Mamma!

For my Busser & Tola the Crazy

Ballerina Lady-  
Thank you for being you! LAAV you both.  
-Bubba

B-Amm-

What did he do?! Have you talked to any spirits lately? Come by & visit.  
-A

Caroline-

Thanks for all the talks-I don't know what I would do without ya.  
-Winnie  
P.S. Tennis anyone?

Hey Po-

Will you be my date?  
-M.L.

Dear Star Search-

Thanks for the conversation we had. You are a great friend.  
-Love Pete

Hey Roomies-

It's time to break out of our prison cells!  
-Room 201

Deb P.-

How's your chin? Did the rug burn heal all right? See you in the tunnel.  
-Me.Wi.

T.Q.-

How's the poetry? It's too bad you couldn't remember it last time!  
-M.L.

St. Stephen-

Now Let's get it right. Joe has a..? Susanna puts...? and what was that last one?  
-Monkey #2

DJ-

I want my cookies Now! If you ever forget me for dinner again, your dead-or maybe I will just steal your car.  
-the assertive one

Babyface in Marshall-

How do you like your eggs? Please expand on the services which you have requested.  
-Signed An interested Southerner Woman

Trish W.-

What's worse than a joke? An Oriental one! So, cut it out!  
-Love Angela

Buttface-

Whaah Whaah Whaah Fold your own socks! I'll stick with the T-shirts. And lay off my eyes!  
-Jake the frog

BIG DADDY KANNEY-

Whose bed did you sleep in last Sat. night? You are a wild, wacky chick! Keep on chewing that jells!  
-?

Deep Thoughts by Jack Handy-

Gail said I'm crrved, she wouldn't know taste if it bit her on the ass.

Star Search-

See-he really does appreciate you! Thanks for everything!  
-Roomie

Eric-

I WANT TO PET YOU!  
-Love 2 Women in 213

3 Dicks on the Radio-

Average is best, you can save all the rest. Because who wants to feel a man all the way up in your chest? Suggestion: Ask students at random how long do they go out before sleeping with someone?  
-Stealth Mary

Commuters-

How many of you are sick and tired of our t.v. disappearing from our lounge and when it comes back the cable not fitting into the wall? Aren't you also tired of being locked out of the one room on campus we have?  
-Fellow Commuter

Debster-

You seemed a little too sympathetic to that porn star with the "same-sex experience" at the age of 9. Coincidence, I think not.  
-Virgins-R-Mo

Mitch & The Man-

419 is watching!  
-Lulu & Queefa

Rardolph 220-

If you change your mind, I'll be first in line-Take a chance on me!  
-Capt. Hook

Madison 208-

Bootsy's on my side! I'll win this one, a promise!  
-The "Rebellious" ONE

Charlie Brown-

143!  
-Love the Little Red-Haired Girl

Hey Tri Sigs-

Here's to attaining our goal for good MEN! (who aren't PAYNES)  
-Love your fellow pledges

Greg-

I love your blue jeans.

To my dad and my brother-

Thanks for all of your help and for being such a great friend, I really am a big girl.  
-Love girlie

Hey Bouncy Head-

Your presence is like a dark blue panacea for all of my bright red press problems; soothing and sublimely wonderful. now leave me alone!  
See you on Wednesday  
-The Badass

Jeff Tidwell-

I see you around campus-I can't wait to be alone with you, and show you what I can do.  
-A girl

Hi peanutbutter and jelly man-

We still love you.  
-Love N & A

Cumming-

Thanks for showing me XTC.  
Heather

Michele-

I know Bishop can be a pain in the back. Hope you feel better soon.  
Heather and Alexa

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## TRANSFERS

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"They had taken a red pen to my official transcript and crossed out classes," she said.

Associate Vice President for Academic Services and Student Records Edward Piper said that red marks are the academic advising office's way of designating which classes are transferable and which are not.

Saline Washington, director of academic advising, said her office only deletes credits on a transcript when the student does duplicate work at MWC, and that students are always sent a letter notifying them that credit has been deleted.

"The student receives notification. We don't ever make adjustments to records unless we have a reason to," she said.

Though some transfer students like Lieb complain that they did not receive credit for classes they felt they should have, other transfers say that nearly all their credits transferred into MWC.

MWC administrators say that credit evaluation—determining whether or not a course from another institution is equivalent to a course at MWC—is a fair process, one which allows for re-evaluation of a course that a student thinks he or she was unfairly denied credit for.

Administrators say that the process will only get fairer with the addition of a new admissions person who will be able to evaluate credits for transfer students before they ever decide to attend MWC.

Washington said that approximately 20 percent of transfer students have questions about their credit evaluations. She said less than one percent have complaints about the evaluations. Washington, however, said she does not perceive a request for re-evaluation as a complaint.

She also said that it is possible for a student to carry a duplicated credit on his or her record for a year before the credit is deleted.

Piper said that all students are responsible for finding out what credit they have been awarded. He said that this policy holds true even for "native" MWC students.

The original decision on credit evaluation is made by Washington's office based almost exclusively on the description of a course from the other college's academic catalog, especially if the institution is a four-year school.

When evaluating credits, Washington accepts courses which have course work equivalent to a MWC course. Credits are denied when the course work for a class at another school is less extensive than MWC's class or for a class that a student receives a grade lower than a C. MWC also does not give credit for internships or individual study courses from other institutions.

"It's better to deny credit for insufficient content than to give them and have [the students] be unsuccessful," Washington said. "As a part of the faculty, it is my job to protect the integrity of a degree at MWC. That's my goal."

Kate Stainer, a senior transfer from the Coast Guard Academy, said she did not receive credit for some of her courses because the courses were too technical for Mary Washington.

"Because they didn't offer the exact course, they wouldn't transfer it," Stainer said. "By the nature of the school that I transferred from, they were predisposed to not accept it. I was already starting from behind."

Lieb, who said she has been fighting academic services for two [academic] years to get the credits she feels she deserves, is still in the middle of determining exactly how many credits she has at MWC. She said she was denied general education credit for several entry level courses, including zoology and international relations.

"It was obvious to me that political science at one school is the same at another school," she added.

Piper said that a transfer student always has the option of requesting re-evaluation if he or she is not satisfied with the credit evaluation he or she received.

"When you've taken you've worked hard for something you want it to count at your second institution," Piper said.

According to Washington, when a student requests re-evaluation, a process which can take up to six weeks, the student must provide a syllabus of the course in question. The information about the course is sent to the department which the course falls under, which reviews the information and makes a recommendation to academic advising.

A department will sometimes recommend that the credit be accepted if the course fits appropriately into the major, even if MWC does not have an equivalent course, Washington said. "We don't rely on someone in GW; we consult with someone in the department," Piper said.

The final decision to accept or deny credit for a class, however, ultimately lies in the hands of the office of academic services. "Most questions are cleared up on the spot," she said.

Lieb said she requested re-evaluation of the courses she felt she had been unfairly denied credit for. She said the courses had the same name as MWC courses but a different number. Her professors from the other colleges she attended sent outlines of the course requirements to MWC.

Lieb said one re-evaluation request form was sent back to her with no explanation.

"I haven't even gotten explanations," said Lieb.

Piper said that some loss of credits is inevitable for transfer students.

"Anytime there is a transfer anywhere there is a loss of credit. It is a fact of transfer life," he said. "It is not something that is particular to [MWC]."

Though Washington and Piper say that few transfer students complain about credit evaluations, they said that the creation of a new position in the admissions department will make the transition to MWC from another institution even easier.

The primary duty of the person selected to fill position of assistant dean of admissions and financial aid, a position vacated when former dean Rita Richardson resigned, will be working with transfer students, according to Vice President for Admissions and Financial Aid Martin Wilder.

The position, salaried between \$24,500 and \$29,500, will include responsibilities related to the recruitment, admission, and credit evaluation for transfer students," according to a job vacancy announcement circulated by the college.

As it stands now transfer students are not notified of the number of their credits that are accepted until they have enrolled at MWC.

According to Wilder, the role of the new assistant dean will reduce problems that transfer students incur after they have matriculated at MWC. The new dean will be able to notify transfer students of the number of their credits that will transfer in before they enroll at MWC.

"This will alleviate that problem in that [transfers] will know before they make a commitment to Mary Washington," Wilder said.

Jenifer Blair, associate dean for admissions, said that the only thing admissions can do now is give students a general idea about the number of their credits that will be accepted.

"None of us are in a position to do a

formal evaluation," she said.

Blair said, "We want to do more in admissions to alleviate the concerns of applicants."

Piper said that an early credit evaluation would allow students to make a more informed decision about whether or not MWC is the best match for them.

Junior Chris Miskovich, who transferred from Northern Virginia Community College this fall, said he was disappointed that he was not allowed to declare this summer.

"I sent in my major declaration card and just two weeks ago, when I did my schedule, they told me that I wasn't declared," he said.

Piper, however, said that as of fall 1993 transfer students will be allowed to declare their major on transfer day, an information day for transfers during the summer, similar to freshman preview. By declaring before they actually matriculate to MWC, students will avoid being assigned a 50/50 mentor, and would instead immediately receive an advisor for their major.

In the future, orientation will be geared differently for transfers than it is for freshmen, according to Piper. "They will go through their own unique orientation activities," Piper said.

According to Washington, matriculation to MWC is easier for students from community colleges because there is a specific guide for those schools which advises students as to what kinds of courses MWC will award credit for.

A state plan implemented last spring will make acceptance of credits from community colleges more uniform throughout the state. If a student takes courses from a list provided by the transfer module, the student is guaranteed credit for those courses. The plan also makes it possible for transfer credits from any Virginia community college to apply to general education requirements at MWC.

"This is part of a state-wide agreement to make the transition smoother," Piper said.

According to Piper, the plan will also give preferential treatment in admissions to any student who has successfully completed the transfer module.

Washington said that during the next four years transitions to MWC still will not be smooth because the state plan will not be completely in effect until then. She said that matriculation should be easier beginning in two years.

She said that the community colleges play a big role in how easy the transition is for their students. By providing good advising for their students, community colleges can ensure that their students will be prepared to transfer to a four-year institution.

"Gatekeeping responsibilities are at a community college level," she said.

Piper, who said that transfer students are an integral part of MWC, said that he hopes that transfer students are not treated any differently from "native" MWC students.

"It's not like a transfer student walks around with a giant 'T' on their chest," he said.

## GORDON

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residents, at least one fourth of which were college students, according to Legislative Action Committee Chairperson Heather Jacobs, who assisted in the petition drive.

The petition claimed that Gordon had shown "incompetency, neglect of duty, and misuse of office." More specifically, it cited Gordon's "failure to represent her constituents in the matter of the firing of [City Manager Anthony] Hooper and failure to encourage good relations between the college and the community."

Gordon was one of four council members who voted to remove Hooper from office in a closed session of the council for reasons including that he gave preferential treatment to the college.

However, prosecuting attorney William Neely, who said that the petition was flawed, advised that constituents request the drop of the petition. On Oct. 30 the case was non-suited, which meant that it would be dropped but could be reinstated. Neely said that petition did not list the signatures under "penalties of perjury" as required by Virginia laws, which ensure that signers live in Ward 2, are legal residents of Virginia, and believe in the petition. The petition also failed to state the basis for Gordon's removal.

Jacobs, who said that she thought Gordon contributed to relation problems between the college and the community, said that she was shocked to hear that Gordon had resigned. "It had been over a week and a half since we found out that the petition had problems. There had been no response from her," Jacobs said.

Ward 2 resident Linda Blakemore, who initiated the drive to have Gordon removed, refused to make a comment about Gordon's resignation to a

Bullet reporter on Friday.

"I have nothing to say to you," Blakemore said.

College Community Relations Chairperson Rob Bartenstein said that when he first heard that Gordon resigned, he thought it was a joke.

"Her attitude up to this point has been combative. I didn't expect her to go out without a fight," he said.

In her resignation speech, Gordon misquoted the *Bullet*. Gordon said that Bartenstein said, "We crucified her!" at Ward 2 meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 14. However Bartenstein is correctly quoted in the *Bullet* as saying "She was crucified at that meeting," a meeting which only three students attended.

"I think that her misquote stems from her misunderstanding. It indicates that she doesn't recognize that he ward is made up of more than the college. It was the residents who crucified her," he said in an interview on Friday.

City Councilwoman Mary Frances George, who said Friday that she was both shocked and disappointed that Gordon resigned, said that the council lost a very valuable councilwoman.

"I think that Betty Gordon was misunderstood, especially by the college. She loves young people and works well with them. I think some people had a hidden agenda," George said.

Yet Student Association President Devon Williams said that Gordon was never supportive of the students.

"She dug her own grave by her actions, her attitude, and her misrepresentation," Williams said.

Davies said that there was still a great deal of discussion within the community about Gordon. He said he "wasn't sure how much turbulence still existed."

"If, as she has indicated, this might

provide healing for the community, then [her resignation] may be the greatest healing process," Davies said.

On Sunday Gordon told a *Bullet* reporter that her resignation speech would be her statement about her resignation.

In her announcement of resignation on Tuesday, she said "It is difficult for me to understand the extreme intensity of the events which have occurred over the past few weeks."

Gordon said she "did not understand why [she] was singled out" in the matter of Hooper's firing.

"No person around this circle, nor in this city can deny my integrity, my courage, and dedication," Gordon added.

Gordon said that she had hoped that because she would go to trial because "The Free Lance-Star" and its radio station WFLS had sought to try the case in their editorials and dissemination of news." She also said that she would have liked for other elected officials in the Commonwealth of Virginia to be "alerted to the fact that any elected official can at any time be the subject of such harassment and libelous statements."

Jacobs said that Gordon was only part of the problem on City Council and that there is still "a lot of cleaning up" to do.

"[Gordon] did split up the gang of four. They no longer have their majority," she said.

George said Friday that City Council will be accepting applications for the positions through December 4.

Mayor Davies said that under the city charter the council has 30 days to appoint someone to fill the vacated Ward 2 seat.

Davies said, "I think there was some sadness that the whole series of events had taken place."

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